

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant ..... General Electric Company  
Group Art Unit ..... 2157  
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Title: Hierarchical Constraint Resolution for Application Properties, Configuration,  
and Behavior

**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 18, 2007**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action Dated October 18, 2007, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 18, 2007.

This Response includes the following Sections:

**A Claim Amendment** begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.